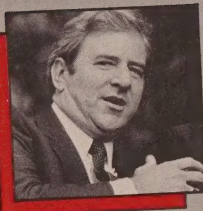


**“THE LAST
SOCIALLY
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FORM OF
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**Anti-gay
bigotry:**

**Where do
you stand?**



Rev. Jerry Falwell,
Moral Majority

"I agree with capital punishment, and I believe homosexuality is one of those sins that could be coupled with murder and other sins."

Dean Wycoff,
head of **Moral Majority**
in Santa Clara County,
California



Ku Klux Klan

"We feel that we must endorse and support the law of God, which calls for the death penalty for homosexuals."

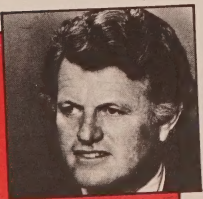
Ku Klux Klan

"To use "God," the "American Flag" and the emotionally charged cry to "Save Our Children" in an effort to deny employment, housing and public accommodations to a whole segment of our population because of their personal sexual preference is outrageous."

Abigail Van Buren, "Dear Abby"

"... only a morbid, stone-age bigotry would embrace the notion that homosexuals do not have any basic rights."

**Columnist
Carl Rowan**



Sen. Edward Kennedy

"Gay and lesbian people are entitled to equal rights and full participation in the social, political and economic life of the country."

**Senator Edward M.
Kennedy**

"There will be... no more abortion on demand, no more talk of rights for homosexuals. When the Christian majority takes control, pluralism will be seen as immoral and evil, and the state will not permit anybody the right to practice evil."

Gary Potter,
a framer of the Family Protection Act

"The White People's Committee to Restore God's Laws is not embarrassed to admit that we endorse and seek the execution of all homosexuals..."

**White People's Committee
to Restore God's Laws**

In a 1979 commencement speech, **Dr. C. Everett Koop**, President Reagan's Surgeon General and a foe of equal rights for women and gays, warned that gay rights would lead to the production of "100,000 homosexual and lesbian test-tube babies to give the gay movement more political clout."

"Gay men and women have become the last scapegoat, the one remaining minority upon whom it is still fashionable to publicly ridicule."

**Letter to the Editor,
San Francisco Chronicle**

"Homosexuals, like everyone else, should not suffer from prejudice against their basic human rights."

**National Conference
of Catholic Bishops**

"It remains that homosexuals, as any other citizens in our country, face potential problems in housing, employment, domestic law, health, consumer complaints, and other issues. They deserve, no less than any other citizens, assistance to cope with these problems when they occur."

U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman, (D-CA)

NBC POLL:		Gay Rights Legislation		
	FOR	AGAINST	UNDECIDED	
Aug. 1980	44%	41%	15%	
May 1981	48%	38%	14%	

Bigotry is back in vogue...

Years ago, author Gore Vidal observed that "fag-baiting is the last socially acceptable form of bigotry." Today, from church pulpits to the halls of Congress, from hooded Klansmen to "queerbashers" on the streets, scapegoating gay people is back in vogue. And as our legislators pass anti-gay laws with huge majorities and little debate, they make this bigotry even more respectable, threatening the rights of all Americans.

but you can put a stop to it.

Most Americans support equal rights for gay people. In fact, an NBC poll recently showed that this support has *increased* since Reagan's election!

Surprised? You should be, because few Americans stand up for their beliefs in public when it comes to defending the rights of homosexuals. Meanwhile, the voices of bigotry become louder, more powerful, and more respectable.

Gay Rights Advocates, a national public interest law firm, has defended the rights of gay men and women since 1977. Now is the time to take a stand with GRA against the growing attacks on homosexuals. Write to your congressperson. Write a letter to the editor. Talk to a neighbor or friend about how they feel. And send a generous contribution to **Gay Rights Advocates** today.

Gay Rights Advocates fights bigotry in the courts.

Although the Constitution guarantees equal rights under the law to all Americans, rights are too often denied to millions of Americans because they are gay.

Gay Rights Advocates is a non-profit, public interest law firm that works aggressively to achieve constitutional protections for all gay people.

GRA files precedent-setting lawsuits, acts as "friend of the court" in appellate cases, educates attorneys in cases in which homosexuality is an issue, and assists legislators and administrators in ending discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Gay Rights Advocates works in courts across the country, with a national board composed of gay leaders and concerned civil libertarians.

GRA ATTORNEYS ARE NOW IN COURT:

- seeking to end discrimination against gay visitors from other countries;
- challenging the military's right to throw gay people out of the service;
- protecting the rights of gay people to teach;
- seeking to end employment and housing discrimination;
- helping lesbian mothers and gay fathers retain custody of their children;
- seeking equal status for gay student organizations.

Gay Rights Advocates cannot charge for its services. Cases are taken regardless of the clients' ability to pay. The cost of legal work is often high.

So **GRA** is totally dependent on the gifts of individuals and organizations. You can help with your financial support.

Your contribution is tax-deductible. Checks may be made payable to **GRA** or the **Legal Foundation for Personal Liberties**.

GRA

540 Castro Street
San Francisco, California 94114

Yes, I want to become a member of Gay Rights Advocates. Please send me GRA's quarterly newsletter, "into the courts". Enclosed is my donation as a

☐ **\$25 General Member**

☐ **\$15 Student and Low Income Member**

☐ **\$35 Household Member**

☐ **\$50 Sustaining Member**

☐ **\$100 Sponsoring Member**

☐ **\$500+ Amicus Curiae Member**

I am also enclosing an additional contribution of \$ _____ to be used in the defense of gay civil rights.

☐ Please keep my name and any mailing confidential.

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May 1982

Dear Friends:

I am writing to you in these challenging political and social times to urge you to support an important national gay organization, Gay Rights Advocates. As you know, I do not lightly agree to lend my name to raise money for any group unless I am personally involved with the organization and know that it has a track record of accomplishments.

Since its formation in January, 1978, GRA has been involved in major litigation efforts on behalf of the gay community. GRA's focus is impact litigation or precedent-setting cases which test laws and government policies that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

GRA's most well-known case has been the challenge to the McCarthy-era immigration laws that labeled gay visitors as "psychopathic personalities" or "sexual deviants" and required their exclusion from this country. Over a year of litigation and negotiation in the Carl Hill case resulted in a policy that forbids immigration officials to question visitors about their sexual orientation unless that information is freely given.

GRA is currently in court in a number of significant cases that will impact greatly on all gay people.

-- In the Federal Courts in San Francisco GRA continues its challenge to the remnants of discriminatory immigration policy. On April 22, 1982 Federal District Court Judge Robert Aguilar ruled that the Immigration Service cannot exclude openly gay people unless they use the Public Health Certification process, no longer available. Moreover, Aguilar ruled that federal courts must have power to review INS action, a decision that will have far reaching effects in many other areas besides gay rights.

-- In the case of Dronenburg v. Zech, GRA is challenging military regulations which exclude openly gay people.

-- In Oklahoma Federal Court, GRA is fighting the Helm Bill which forbids gay people, or even supporters of gay civil rights, from teaching in the Oklahoma public schools.

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-- In California, GRA is involved in a class action employment discrimination suit against Pacific Telephone, which has had a notorious past history of discrimination against gays.

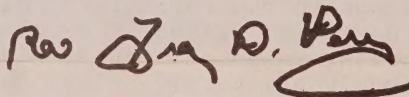
-- In a related immigration suit in the Federal Courts in San Francisco, GRA has filed a million dollar damage action suit on behalf of Jamie Chavez of Mexico City. This case, expected to go to court in mid-1982, is designed to stop the harassment of gay visitors that continues in spite of new immigration policies.

Gay Rights Advocates is also in the midst of an exciting program of expanding their membership to create an organization that is truly national in scope and visibility. Jean O'Leary, a person of considerable stature in the modern gay movement, and a personal friend of mine, has been Executive Director of GRA since last May. Her experience and determination is a sure indication of GRA's potential as one of the major gay civil rights organizations in dealing with the courts. While we have organizations that are lobbying congress, this is the organization that can champion our causes in the judicial system.

A program of growth and continuing court cases is expensive. The costs alone for depositions, briefs and appeals is often staggering. I hope that you will offer your support by joining GRA as a member or sending in a contribution that will help them continue their essential work.

We can make a difference in America. We cannot let the political radical right wing win against us. All I ask is that we all do our part now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rev. Troy D. Perry", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Reverend Troy D. Perry

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